

# HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES—Wednesday, October 4, 2000

The House met at 10 a.m. and was called to order by the Speaker pro tempore (Mr. SHAW).

## DESIGNATION OF THE SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE

The SPEAKER pro tempore laid before the House the following communication from the Speaker:

WASHINGTON, DC,

October 4, 2000.

I hereby appoint the Honorable E. CLAY SHAW, Jr., to act as Speaker pro tempore on this day.

J. DENNIS HASTERT,

Speaker of the House of Representatives.

## PRAYER

The Reverend Lawrence A. Lambert, Jr., First United Methodist Church, Greensburg, Kansas, offered the following prayer:

Almighty God, Creator of all people and nations, acknowledging Your preeminence, we acknowledge our humanness. Asking for Thy Grace and Mercy, forgive us when we wound Your Heart and grieve Your Spirit in the world.

Renew our congressional leaders and all Americans in the challenge to keep our Nation physically strong, mentally awake, and morally straight.

Awaken the pioneer spirit within our leaders and all Americans to explore and reclaim the truths that were founded in this Country and in which our Nation with humility proclaimed "In God we trust!"

Help us embrace Thy eternal truth that outweighs any falsehood.

O God, empower Congressional leaders to fulfill the mandate not to be served, but to serve. Lift them on Wings as an Eagle, discerning Your compassion, Your love, vision, will, and purpose.

Grant them wisdom for a moral and just society bearing always the poor and powerless as Your mandate for leadership. Bless each dedicated House Member, their staff, and their families, in Thy gracious name and in the name of our Lord, Amen.

## THE JOURNAL

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Chair has examined the Journal of the last day's proceedings and announces to the House his approval thereof.

Pursuant to clause 1, rule I, the Journal stands approved.

## PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Will the gentleman from Kansas (Mr. MORAN)

come forward and lead the House in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Mr. MORAN of Kansas led the Pledge of Allegiance as follows:

I pledge allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America, and to the Republic for which it stands, one nation under God, indivisible, with liberty and justice for all.

## MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE

A message from the Senate by Mr. Lundregan, one of its clerks, announced that the Senate has passed without amendment bills of the House of the following titles:

H.R. 1800. An act to amend the Violent Crime Control and Law Enforcement Act of 1994 to ensure that certain information regarding prisoners is reported to the Attorney General.

H.R. 2752. An act to direct the Secretary of the Interior to sell certain public land in Lincoln County through a competitive process.

H.R. 2773. An act to amend the Wild and Scenic Rivers Act to designate the Wekiwa River and its tributaries of Wekiwa Springs Run, Rock Springs Run, and Black Water Creek in the State of Florida as components of the national wild and scenic rivers system.

H.R. 4579. An act to provide for the exchange of certain lands within the State of Utah.

H.R. 4583. An act to extend the authorization for the Air Force Memorial Foundation to establish a memorial in the District of Columbia or its environs.

The message also announced that the Senate has passed with amendments in which the concurrence of the House is requested, bills of the House of the following titles:

H.R. 1143. An act to establish a program to provide assistance for programs of credit and other financial services for microenterprises in developing countries, and for other purposes.

H.R. 3084. An act to authorize the Secretary of the Interior to contribute funds for the establishment of an interpretative center on the life and contributions of President Abraham Lincoln.

The message also announced that the Senate has passed a bill and concurrent resolutions of the following titles in which the concurrence of the House is requested:

S. 2440. An act to amend title 49, United States Code, to improve airport security.

S. Con. Res. 60. Concurrent resolution expressing the sense of Congress that a commemorative postage stamp should be issued in honor of the U.S.S. Wisconsin and all those who served aboard her.

S. Con. Res. 70. Concurrent resolution requesting that the United States Postal Service issue a commemorative postage stamp honoring the national veterans service organizations of the United States.

S. Con. Res. 141. Concurrent resolution to authorize the printing of copies of the publication entitled "The United States Capitol" as a Senate document.

## WELCOME TO REVEREND LAWRENCE A. LAMBERT, JR.

(Mr. MORAN of Kansas asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. MORAN of Kansas. Mr. Speaker, I am here to welcome to the House Chamber and to our Nation's Capitol one of my constituents and one of the citizens of Kansas, Reverend Lambert, who is here today with his wife, Linda, and graciously delivered the invocation on our proceedings today.

Reverend Lambert is the United Methodist minister in the community of Greensburg, a community of several thousand people in the southern part of Kansas. It is a delight to have him and his wife with us.

I appreciate his prayers and concerns for our country and for the House of Representatives and for the task we have before us. This is Reverend Lambert's first visit to the Nation's Capitol, and we are delighted to have him as our guest today.

## THE UNITED STATES SHOULD TAKE ACTION TO HELP CITIZENS OF SIERRA LEONE

(Mr. EHLERS asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. EHLERS. Mr. Speaker, I rise again today to discuss the abominable situation in Africa. We have had over two decades of killings, maimings, abductions, and the murder of approximately 1 million Africans. Our State Department has done virtually nothing.

If we compare what has happened in Africa and what has happened in Kosovo and Bosnia, where we have sent troops, Bosnia and Kosovo do not begin to compare in deaths and human agony with what has happened in Africa.

I am particularly concerned about Sierra Leone, where we now have a battle over diamonds. It is not a political battle, it is a battle for money, for diamonds, for power. Charles Taylor of Liberia undoubtedly is interfering. There is some evidence that Mr. Qaddafi from Libya is also interfering, and others from Guinea and other lands. And yet, we do nothing. We stand and watch it happen.

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